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SUBJ: SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON
GROMYKO TRIP TO DAMASCUS

1. AT PROTOCOL CEREMONY FOR DEPOSIT OF U.S. INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION MAY 6, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL CHERNYAKOV ASKED IF I HAD ANY WORD ABOUT TIMING AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND GROMYKO IN DAMASCUS. I GATHERED FROM HIS TONE THAT HE ASSUMED SUCH MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE. I SAID I HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT A MEETING.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MEMBER FONOFF USA DIVISION, I LEARNED THAT KORNIYENKO, CHIEF OF USA DIVISION, IS WITH THE GROMYKO PARTY. HIS PRESENCE SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS MAY EXPECT TALKS WITH SECRETARY PRIOR TO GROMYKO'S RETURN TO MOSCOW.
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